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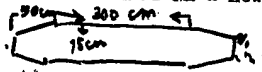
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1. Location of the "Plant of the 29th August", National Corporation, Partyzanska, Slovakia is shown on Map Handlova 4561 and Topolcany 4560 (See Enclosure (A)). This plant produces footwear, rubber shoes, tank axles, parts for tank tracks and machines for footwear production. Leather for footwear production is supplied by the tannery in Bosany. Metal is supplied from Dubova. All finished footwear is exported to the Soviet Union. Semi-finished products, like axles and chains are sent to Dubnice where tanks and armored cars are assembled.
2. The plant, built in 1938-39, is equipped with modern machinery. It has its own railway track which connects with the main line of the Czechoslovak State Railroad. The plant owns 25 trucks of 3.5, 5, and 10 ton capacity, buses for employee transportation and an unspecified number of lorries (with batteries) for transportation within the plant. It also has its own foundry and machine shop. The weekly output of rubber shoes is about 16,000 pairs, while that of leather shoes is approximately 10,000 pairs per week. Forty percent of the leather and rubber footwear is exported to the Soviet Union and 20% to Red China. All merchandise is loaded on freight cars in the plant.
3. Axles for armored cars are manufactured in a newly built plant. The axles are shaped as follows:  

4. The axles are made from castings supplied by the Dubova metallurgical plant. The axles are then shipped to the tank assembly plant in Dubnica. The Partyzanska plant also makes parts for tank belts which are also shipped to Dubnica. The daily output of tank belt parts amounts to sixty pieces every three shifts. The plant also manufactures machines for footwear production (sewing machines), the majority of which are exported to the USSR.
5. The directorate is located in the plant. Manager of the plant is Mr Josef Kocna, a former worker. The total number of employees is approximately 10,000, including 5,000 women. Skilled workers total 1,500, administrative personnel total 900, and the remainder are non-skilled workers and persons assigned to the plant from various professions.
6. The average wage is 1,000 crowns per week. Women earn about 600 crowns per week. A skilled worker earns up to 6,000 crowns per month, only if he fulfills the prescribed quota. There is only one percent of such workers in the factory. The lowest wage for non-skilled laborers is 400 crowns per week.

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6. Approximately 60% of the workers are organized members of the Communist Party. Of this number only eight percent, the workers with positions, are faithful to the Communist regime. The remainder are only so-called paper Communists.
7. The workers' morale is very low. They are dissatisfied with the present plant management and the workings of the Party. Employees must attend meetings and also participate in daily "ten minute meetings" during which time political problems are discussed. Communist propaganda remains without success because the workers do not believe any of their promises and realize that the whole affair is not in the interest of the working class.
3. The various departments of the plant operate in one shift while the foundry and machine shop operate three shifts.
9. The plant has its own guard consisting of 40 men, armed with pistols, wearing green uniforms and "brigadier" caps. In addition to its guard detail, the plant has its workers' militia. The 100 militia members, armed with rifles and pistols, wear blue uniforms. The factory fire department has only 30 men.
0. The raw material for footwear production comes from Gottwaldov and Bosany. The material for the production of axles is delivered from Dubova. Coal is supplied from Novaky and Handlova, water is pumped from the Belanka River. Electric power is supplied by the Handlova power plant. All machines are electrically operated.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Map Showing Topolcany (4560) and Handlova (4561) with Legend  
(B): Map Showing Handlova (4561) with Legend  
(C): Diagram of Plant of the 29th August

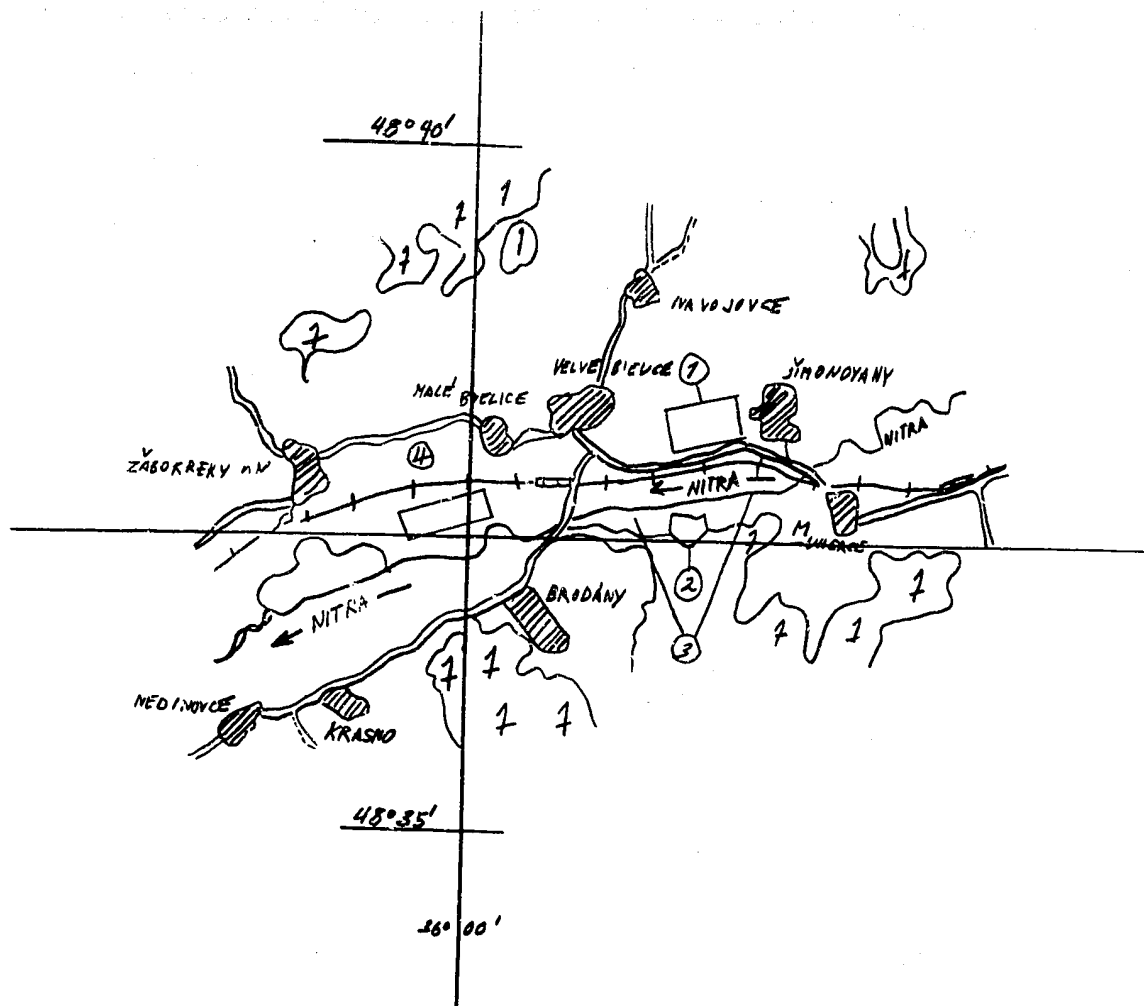
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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MAP SHOWING TOPOLCANY (4560) AND HANDLOVA (4561) WITH LEGEND

TOPOLCANY 4560  
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## Legend

- 1... "Plant of the 29th August", National Corporation in Partyzanska
- 2... Training camp for airborne troops
- 3... Nitra River-dam
- 4... Civilian airport

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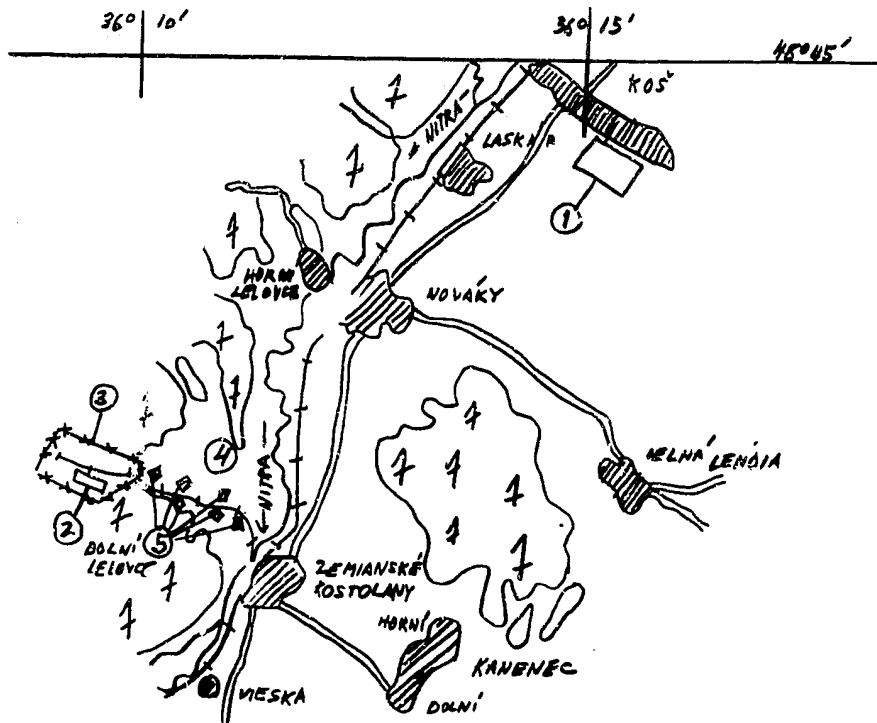
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MAP SHOWING HANDLOVA (4561) WITH LEGEND

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HANDLOVA 4561  
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## Legend

- 1... Military ammunition depot
- 2... Military laboratory. Three, three-story buildings (20x10 meters)
- 3... Wire fence, two meters high
- 4... Railway track to laboratory
- 5... Newly built apartments for officers employed in the laboratory

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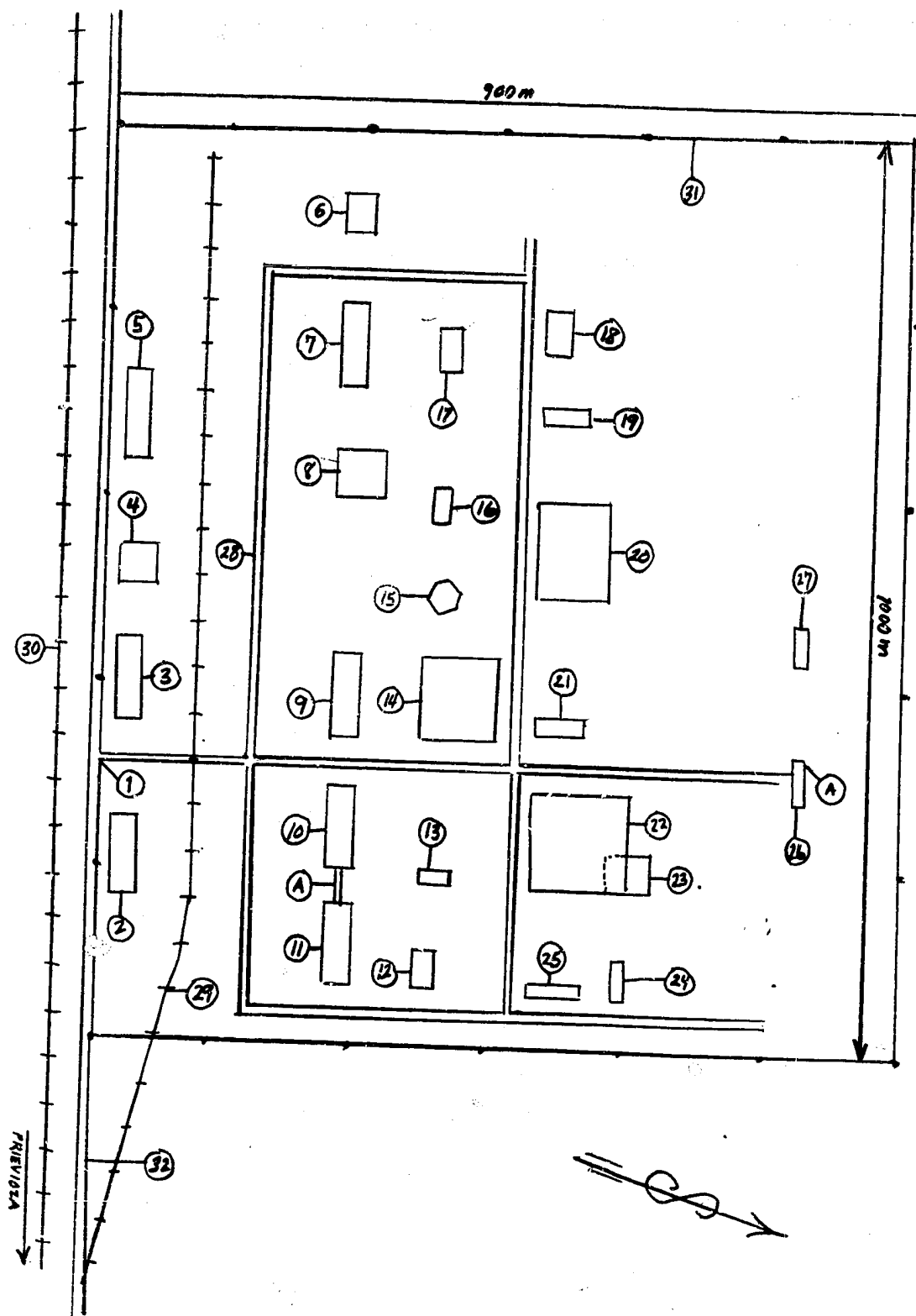
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DIAGRAM OF PLANT OF THE 29th AUGUST



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## Legend

- 1... Main entrance to plant.
- 2... A four-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (80x20 meters). Directorate offices
- 3... A four-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (80x20 meters). First floor-canteen and storage of machinery. Second and third floors-storage of spare parts for machines manufactured in the plant. Fourth floor-repair shop for all plant machines and electromotors.
- 4... A two-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (30x30 meters). Compressors for the plant are made in this building.
- 5... A four-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (80x20 meters). First floor-production of synthetic rubber. Second and third floors-storage of chemicals used in the production of synthetic rubber. Fourth floor-laboratories
- 6... A one-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (30x30 meters). Glue production.
- 7... A six-story, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (80x20 meters). Rubber shoe production.
- 8... Boiler room for the entire plant. A one floor, brick building (50x50 meters). Roof shaped as shown  is made of glass.
- 9... A six-story, flat concrete-roofed, building (80x20 meters). First floor-printing shop. Second floor-storage of material for production of glue. Third floor-workshop for production of models. Fourth floor-storage of chemicals. Fifth floor-storage of machines. Sixth floor-storage of leather footwear.
- 10-11... Two six-story, flat concrete-roofed, buildings (80x20 meters). Textile storage
- 12... A one-floor, tar paper-roofed, wooden building (30x12 meters). Footwear storage.
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- 14... A six story, flat concrete-roofed building (80x80 meters) four elevators. Storage of footwear.
- 15... A wooden cooling tower. (25 meters high and 15 meters wide).
- 16... A one-floor, tar paper-roofed, wooden building (30x12 meters). Laundry.
- 17... A one-floor brick building (50x20 meters) Storage of shoe linings.
- 18... A one-floor, brick warehouse (50x20 meters)
- 19... A one-floor tar paper-roofed, wooden building. Storage of rubber and paper waste.
- 20... Building (80x60 meters). Storage for old rubber and used tires.
- 21... A one-floor, flat concrete-roofed, brick building (40x12 meters). Administrative offices.
- 22... New building (1949), steel and concrete construction, glass roof as shown  This building, 100x100x15 meters, contained the machinery division, produced axles for armored cars and parts for tank tracks. It was equipped with various machine tools, lathes, grinding machines, planing machines, boring machines, drilling machines and mobile cranes.
- 23... Foundry. One-floor, 30x20 meters.
- 24... A one-floor, tar paper-roofed, wooden building (40x15 meters). Chemical storage.

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